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Held and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the *6th* Day
 of *May*, 1742, and concluded the *17th* Day of the said
 Month and Year.

*The King's Commission to Alexander
 Earl of Leven produced, and ordered
 to be recorded.*

At Edinburgh the 6th of May, 1742, Sess. I.

THE General Assembly of this National Church
 being convened and constituted, there was pro-
 duced to them by the Right Honourable *Alex-
 ander Earl of Leven*, the King's Commission,
 sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of
 Union to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in place of the Great
 Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him, His Maje-
 sty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assem-
 bly, of the same Tenor with the Commission granted to his
 Lordship last Year; which Commission being publicly read,
 with all due Honour and Respect, was appointed to be re-
 corded in the Books of Assembly.

*The King's Most Gracious LETTER
to the General Assembly, presented to
them by His Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 6th, 1742. Sess. 1.

GEORGE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We Greet you well. The many Instances We have had of your steady Zeal and Affection to Our Person and Government, as well as the Concern for the true Interest of Religion, which has so eminently appeared in your former Assemblies, leave Us no Room to doubt, but that We shall find in you, the same good Spirit and Disposition, in this your present Meeting, which We therefore cheerfully approve of, and countenance with Our Royal Authority. We have given you so many Assurances of Our Resolution to maintain inviolable the Rights and Privileges of the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, that We think it unnecessary to repeat them at this Time, or to recommend to you such Measures, as shall conduce most to the propagating of the true reformed Religion, the promoting of Virtue, suppressing of Vice and Immorality, and the preventing the Growth of Popery, in all which valuable Purposes, You may be assured of Our hearty Approbation and Countenance.

As nothing is more becoming a religious Assembly, than the Spirit of Candour and Moderation, so it can suffer in nothing more, than by Divisions and Disputes, which We therefore most earnestly exhort you to avoid, and to endeavour to promote Unanimity, Brotherly Love and Affection, which ought to shine and prevail in all your Councils and Deliberations.

We are so sensible of the Capacity and Abilities of Our Right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin, *Alexander Earl of Leven*, that We have thought fit to renew Our Choice of him to represent Our Royal Person in this Assembly, not doubting but his sincere Concern for the Church of Scotland, as well as his Zeal to Our Service, will render him acceptable to you. And so we bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the 17th Day of *April 1742*, in the Fifteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

TWEEDDALE.

Directed thus:

To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved, the Moderator, Ministers and Elders of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the CHURCH of Scotland.

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III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 8th 1742, Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



Ev acknowledge with the greatest Thankfulness, the Honour of your Majesty's gracious Letter to us, and your Royal Favour, in continuing to countenance our Assemblies.

The many Assurances of your Majesty's Resolution to maintain inviolable, the Rights and Privileges of the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, and the Confidence your Majesty is pleased to repose in the Wisdom and Prudence of our Conduct, in promoting the true Interests of Religion, encourage us to persevere in our inviolable Loyalty, and most sincere Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government, and to continue our most strenuous Endeavours to propagate the true Reformed Religion, to promote Virtue, to suppress Vice and Immorality, and to prevent the Growth of Popery in this Part of your Majesty's Dominions.

As we are sensible of the Importance of Harmony and Union among ourselves, to the Success of our Councils and Resolutions, we are determined, through the gracious Assistance of Almighty GOD, to observe that Candour, Moderation and Brotherly Love, in all our Reasonings and Deliberations, which becomes us as Ministers of the Gospel, and which may further recommend this Church to your Majesty's Royal Favour.

The Continuance of your Majesty's Bounty, for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, we accept of with all Thankfulness, as a fresh Instance of your pious Intentions to promote the Knowledge of true Religion in those Parts; and it shall be our Care so to dispose of this charitable Fund, as may best answer the excellent Purposes for which it is design'd.

The Choice your Majesty hath again been pleased to make of the Earl of Leven, to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, is most agreeable to us, his known Abilities for discharging the high Trust reposed in him, his great Zeal for your Majesty's Person and Government, his firm Attachment to the true Interests of this Church, and his prudent

Conduct.

Conduct in the last Assembly, lay us under the strongest Obligations to concur with him in bringing this Meeting to a happy Conclusion.

That GOD may eminently bless your Majesty, and plentifully reward your many and great Favours to this Church; that he may long preserve you for the Happiness of all your Majesty's Subjects, and bless your Majesty's Arms in the just and necessary War in which your Majesty is now engaged, for vindicating the Honour of your Crown, and redressing the Injuries done to your Subjects; and that he may prosper all your Majesty's Endeavours for restoring the Peace, and preserving the Liberties of Europe; that he may abundantly bless the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke, the Princesses, the Issue of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Branches of your Royal Family; and that after a long and happy Reign on Earth, over an obedient and affectionate People, your Majesty may inherit an immortal Crown of Glory, are the fervent Prayers of the Church of Scotland.

May it please Your Majesty

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sign'd in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

THOMAS TULLIDEPH, Moderator.

~~THOMAS TULLIDEPH, Moderator.~~

IV.

ACT disjoining the Presbytery of Long-Island, and erecting the same into two distinct Presbyteries.

Edinburgh, May 8th 1742, Sess. 3.

HERE was transmitted to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, from their Committee for Bills, a Scheme prepared by the Presbytery of Long-Island, upon a Recommendation of the Synod of Glenelg, who had consented to the Disjunction of the said Presbytery, and erecting the same into two distinct Presby-

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Presbyteries. And the General Assembly having heard the said Scheme read over, with the Opinion of the Committee for Bills thereupon, did, and hereby do, according thereto, disjoin the Parishes of *Lochs, Sarnavoy, Barfas* and *Vig* from the Presbytery of *Long-Island*, and do erect these four Parishes into a Presbytery, to be called, *The Presbytery of Lewis*, and to have their Meetings for ordinary at *Carlway*; and did, and hereby do erect the Parishes of *Harris, North-Vist, South-Vist* and *Bara* into another Presbytery, to be called, *The Presbytery of Vist*, and to have their ordinary Meetings at *Carinish*, and that the Presbytery of *Lewis* shall, at the first Meeting after their Erection, appoint the Ministers of *Sarnavoy* and *Vig* for that Year, as their Correspondents; and, at their first Meeting in the ensuing Year, the Ministers of *Lochs* and *Barfas*, and so on in all succeeding Years by Turns, to attend the Meeting of the Presbytery of *Vist* at *Sarista* in *Harris*, when, upon any Emergency, they shall be called to meet with them there; and do appoint, that the Presbytery of *Vist* in like Manner appoint the Ministers of *Harris* and *Bara* for the first Year, and the Ministers of *North* and *South-Vist* for the next Year, and so on in all subsequent Years by Turns, as Correspondents to attend the Meetings of the Presbytery of *Lewis*, at *Sarista* in *Harris*, as the Importance of any Affair depending before them shall require, and that each of these Presbyteries have Right to be represented in the General Assembly; and the Assembly do authorise the Synod of *Glenelg* to appoint the Time of the first Meeting of the above-mentioned Presbyteries of *Vist* and *Lewis*; and the Assembly declare these Presbyteries to have the same Powers and Privileges which any other Presbytery have by the Word of GOD, and Constitution of this Church.

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## V.

### ACT for the better Attendance of Members on the Commission of the General Assembly.

Edinburgh, 15th May 1742, Sess. 9.

**T**HE General Assembly do enjoin the several Presbyteries to the Obedience of the Act 6th of Assembly 1703, and Acts 6th and 15th 1705, for the better Attendance of Members on the Meetings of the Commission, and that the Presbyteries read over these Acts at their first Meetings after the Assembly, and

and enjoin the Observation of them on their Members; and that the Presbyteries, after every quarterly Meeting of the Commission, take Account of the Attendance of their Members, and to enquire into the Reasons or Excuses of such as have not attended, and to censure them who have been absent without sufficient Cause.

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# VI.

## ACT and OVERTURE about the Manner of licensing Probationers.

Edinburgh, May 17th 1742, ante meridiem, Sess. 10.



H. E. General Assembly taking into their serious Consideration the Danger that ariseth to this Church, and to the Souls of People, by licensing any to preach the Gospel, who are not duly qualified, according to the Rules laid down in the Holy Scriptures; and considering, that the several Acts made by former General Assemblies, ly so scattered in many separate Articles, at great Distance from one another, that the Directions therein given are in Danger of being overlook'd by Presbyteries: Therefore the General Assembly renew all former Acts, and strictly ordain them to be observed by Presbyteries in all Time coming, in Manner following, viz.

1<sup>mo</sup>, That no Presbytery admit any Person to probationary Trials, but such as are found to be of good Report, of sufficient Learning, sound Principles, of a pious, sober, grave, and prudent Behaviour, and of a peaceable Disposition, and well affected to the Government in Church and State, and of whom they have sufficient Grounds to conceive, that they shall be useful and edifying in the Church, and that careful Enquiry be made thereanent; and that without Respect of Persons, such as are esteemed to be light and vain in their Behaviour, imprudent, proud, worldly-minded, or unacquainted with the Power of practical Godliness, be kept back from that sacred Work.

2<sup>do</sup>, That none be admitted to Trials, in order to be licensed, but such as have attended the Profession of Divinity for six Years, or have closely followed the Study of Divinity, and of the Languages for that Space, at least, after they have passed their full Course of Philosophy at the College.

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lege, and that the usual School-degrees be enquired after, and made Proficiency therein, in case their Circumstances did not allow them to attend the Profession; though it were to be desired they should attend the Profession of Divinity, much of that Time: But this shall not be extended to Students having the *Irish* Language, providing, that before any Presbytery license such Students within six Years, they first consult the Synod of the Bounds.

3<sup>to</sup>. The General Assembly considering the Reproach that may be brought on Religion in general, and particularly on this Church, by the unworthy Behaviour of such as follow the Study of Divinity, do earnestly recommend to the Presbyteries, Professors of Divinity, and Ministers and Members of this Church, to keep a watchful Eye on such Students, during the said six Years. And further, That when any Student comes to attend the Profession of Divinity in any University, he shall produce to the Professor, and to the Minister of the Parish where he is to reside, during the Time of his Attendance on the Profession, a Testimonial from the Minister from whence he comes; and, when he leaves the Profession, he shall carry back Testimonials from the Minister of the Parish, of his grave and suitable Behaviour becoming his Character, and from the Professor, testifying the same; and also his regular Attendance on the Diets of the Profession, and the Time he has attended. And when any Professor of Divinity shall think fit to recommend a Student, in order to probationary Trials, his Testimonials shall bear not only his Proficiency in his Studies, but his Judgment of his moral and Christian Character; and that, in his Opinion, such an one may be useful and edifying in the Work of the Ministry, on producing whereof, the Presbytery, after due Consideration, shall admit him or not, as they shall see Cause.

4<sup>to</sup>. The General Assembly do appoint and ordain, That no Presbytery admit any Student to probationary Trials, except such as have resided within their Bounds for the Space of six Years, or do produce to them sufficient Testimonials from the Presbyteries in whose Bounds they have lived, or, for the most Part, resided, expressly, that it is the Desire of these Presbyteries, that these Students should be enter'd upon Trials. And such Students as come from abroad, shall produce satisfying Testimonials from the Professors under whom they studied, and the Time of their being abroad shall be accounted a Part of the said six Years; but none of these Students shall be enter'd upon Trials for the Space of a whole Year after they come to Scotland.

5<sup>to</sup>. When any Student is proposed to a Presbytery, in order to be taken on Trials, the Proposal shall ly on the Table till the next ordinary Meeting, before they give Judgment

ment therein, that diligent Enquiry may be made, and Information had concerning the said Students Qualifications and Behaviour; and the Presbytery shall be alone both when the Proposal is made and judged on. And the General Assembly recommends to all Students, to take all Opportunities of cultivating an Acquaintance with the Ministers of the Presbytery where they reside, and particularly, during the said Interval, they are hereby appointed to attend such of the Ministers as shall desire to discourse with them in private.

6<sup>to</sup>, When the Presbytery, after serious Enquiry and mature Deliberation, shall agree to take the proposed Candidate on Trials, before his Entry thereto, the General Assembly appoints them, by themselves, or a Committee of their Number, to take a private and previous Trial of the Progress he has made in the *Latin, Greek and Hebrew* Languages; in the Study of Philosophy, and his Knowledge in Divinity, Theoretical, Polemical and Practical, especially such Points as shall be Matter of the present Debates and Controversies; his Acquaintance with the holy Scriptures, and what Impression he has of Religion on his own Soul; his Knowledge of the Constitution of the primitive Christian Church, and also of our own, and of the Government and Discipline thereof; and of his spiritual Wisdom to deal with the several Sorts of Persons he may have to do with, namely, Atheists, Despisers of Religion, careless and secure Persons, weak and tender Consciences, and others, wherein the great Difficulty of the Pastoral Charge lyes; and particularly anent his Ends and Intentions in entering upon the preaching of the Gospel; and that they appoint three or four of their Number for managing the said Trials. And the General Assembly further appoint the several Presbyteries concerned, to take special Care that these Trials be not managed in an overly and superficial Manner, but as in the Sight of GOD, and our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the alone King and Head of his Church; and either to reject, or delay to further Trial such as are found not sufficiently qualified.

7<sup>mo</sup>, The General Assembly appoints the same Method to be observed, and Trials to be taken in all the above Particulars, before any Presbytery recommend a Student to pass Trials in another Presbytery; and that the Student so recommended shall not be enter'd on Trials in any other Presbytery, until he has resided, at least, half a Year within their Bounds.

8<sup>vo</sup>, The General Assembly do also appoint and ordain, that, the above Space of six Years being expired, and Testimonials produced, and previous Trials taken in Manner above directed, the Presbytery, before they prescribe any Part



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Part of publick Trials, shall write Letters to all the Presbyteries within the Bounds of the Synod, three Months at least before the sitting of the Synod, acquainting them with their Design; and at the next Meeting of the Synod they shall also acquaint the Synod thereof, and obtain their special Advice and Judgment in that Particular; and that the Members of the said Presbytery and Synod may be ripely advised thereanent, the General Assembly appoints the said Letters to be duly and carefully transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and that Intimation thereof be publickly made at the second Diet of the Synod, to ly on the Table till another Diet, and then particular Enquiry be made, whether any Person have any Thing to object against the Students being enter'd on Trials for preaching the Gospel.

9<sup>mo</sup>, The General Assembly recommends to Presbyteries, that, before any Student is enter'd on Trials, the Engagements required by Act 10. Assembly 1711, of such as are to be licensed be read to them; and that the Presbytery take Promise of them, that they will subscribe to, and punctually observe the same, in case the Presbytery see Cause to license them; and that this Promise be recorded in their Books.

10<sup>mo</sup>, The General Assembly appoints the publick probationary Trials of Students, who are to be licensed Probationers to be these following, viz. 1<sup>mo</sup>, The publick Catechetick Trials to be renewed in Presence of the Presbytery on all the Heads mentioned in the previous Trials; and that, previously to all the other Parts of publick Trials, 2<sup>do</sup>, A Homily in *English* on a Scripture-text. 3<sup>tio</sup>, An Exegesis in *Latin*, on a controverted Head of Divinity, and sustaining a Thesis and Dispute thereon. 4<sup>to</sup>, An Exercise and Addition. 5<sup>to</sup>, A Lecture on a large Portion of Scripture. 6<sup>to</sup>, A popular Sermon on a particular Text of Scripture. 7<sup>mo</sup>, A Trial on Chronology and Church-History, especially the History of our own Church. Lastly, Interpreting a Portion of the Old Testament in *Hebrew*, and of the New in *Greek*, *ad aperturum libri*.

11<sup>mo</sup>, The General Assembly judging it fit, that the same Method should be followed in all Presbyteries, as to Questions put to, and Engagements taken of Probationers when licensed; and that the said Probationers should not only give sufficient Proof of their Piety, Literature, and other good Qualifications for the sacred Ministry, but also come under the strictest Engagements to adhere to, and maintain the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Church, do therefore Enact and Appoint that the Questions appointed by Act 10. 1711, be put to all such as pass Trials; and likewise that they shall subscribe the *Formula* set down in the said Act, before they be licensed to preach the Gospel.

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And the General Assembly strictly prohibites the licensing any Person whatsoever, who shall not give explicite and satisfying Answers to these Questions, and subscribe the said *Formula*, and discharges any Presbytery to make Use of any other Questions or *Formula*.

Act 10.  
Ass. 1717.

12mo. When any Presbytery who, with the Synod's Allowance, has enter'd, or who is about to enter a Student on Trials, shall receive a Letter from any Presbytery, shewing their Dissatisfaction with the Student enter'd, or to be enter'd on Trials, and giving relevant Grounds for the same, which they offer to verify to the Presbytery at their next Meeting, the said Student shall not be licensed until the Matter be tried. And the General Assembly appoints Presbyteries who shall receive such Letters anent Students, from any other Presbytery, to write a Return with the first Post after their Meeting, acquainting them of their next Diet.

Act 12.  
Ass. 1727.

13mo. The General Assembly considering, that some Persons who, upon Application to the Judicatories of this Church, have not been admitted on Trials, or have not been found fit and worthy to be licensed to preach, do yet retire out of the Bounds of this Church, where they are not so well known, in order to enter upon Trials, and after they have been licensed do not recommend themselves by a holy Life and ministerial Conversation, to the Re-approach of the Church of *Scotland* where they were educated: Therefore the General Assembly do hereby inhibit and discharge all young Men, educated in this Church, or Students of Divinity, to go to foreign Places, and offer themselves to Trials for Licence to preach the Gospel, without Testimonials and Recommendations from their Presbyteries, as above directed. And further order and appoint. That no Student whatsoever, coming from abroad, shall be allowed to preach within this Church, as one of our

Act 6.  
Ass. 1736.

Probationers, until it appear documented, that they have followed the Study of Divinity for six Years, after their finishing their Course of Philosophy, and until they undergo a-new their catechetick Trials, and come under the Engagements, and sign the *Formula* appointed by Act 10. Assembly 1711, and it appear by their Licence, that the said Probationers have been licensed by a regular constituted Presbytery, or Classcal Meeting.

14mo. For the better Observation of this Act, it is particularly recommended to the Professors of Divinity, to communicate the Contents thereof to their Students, in a publick Meeting annually, at such Time in the Month of *January* as to them seem most convenient. And all Presbyteries and Synods are peremptorily appointed to observe the same in all its Parts: And 'tis strictly enjoined, that

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the Visitors of Presbytery-Books make strict Enquiry how the several Presbyteries do observe the same.

The General Assembly do appoint, that the above Over-  
ture have the Force of an Act for the Space of one Year  
from this Date; and do order, that all Presbyteries shall  
read this Act when they are about to take any young Man  
on Trials, and shall, in the Licenses they grant, express the  
particular Trials the Candidate has passed, in Terms of this  
Act; and if the Presbytery shall not report any material  
Objections or Alterations to the next Assembly thereupon,  
this Assembly are of Opinion, that the next General Assem-  
bly may fitly pass the same into a standing Act.

## VII.

*Commission to some Ministers and Ru-  
ling Elders, for discussing Affairs re-  
ferred to them.*

*Edinburgh, May 17th, 1742. Sess. 10. ante meridiem.*

 THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration, That there are diverse Affairs which they cannot overtake; do hereby nominate, commis-  
sionate and appoint, The Reverend Mr. Thomas Tallideph, Principal of St. Leonard's College, in St. Andrews, their Moderator; and for the Presbytery of Dunfermline, Mr. David Hunter at Saline, Mr. James Butchate at Dalgetty, Mr. Henry Hardie at Culrois, Ministers; the Honourable Colonel John Erskine of Carnock, Ruling Elder; Burgh of Dunfermline, the most Honourable John Marquis of Tweeddale, Burgh of Culrois, Mr. James Erskine of Grange, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy, Mr. John Cleghorn at Wemyss, Mr. James Henry at Kinghorn, Mr. David Marshall at Kirkcaldy, Ministers; Mr. John Boswell of Balmuto, Ruling Elder; and for the Burgh of Kirkcaldy, Dr. Robert Hay of Struie, Physician; for the Burgh of Dysart, Mr. George Irvine of Newton. From the Presbytery of Coupar, Mr. William Smith at Kilmenie, Mr. Andrew Melvil at Gaults, Mr. George Boes at Coupar, Mr. Thomas Scot at Ceres, Ministers; the Right Honourable Alexander Earl of Leven, Mr. James MacGill of Nether-Rankeilor, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, Mr. James Haddow, Principal of the New College of St. Andrews, Mr. John Ferrier at Largo, Mr. John Hill at St. Andrews, Mr. William Dalgliesh at  
D Ferry.

Ferry-parton-craigs, Ministers; *Alexander Walker* of St. Fort, Baillie *William Stevenson*, Ruling Elders; from the University of St. Andrews, Mr. *Andrew Shaw* Professor of Divinity at St. Andrews; and from the Burgh of St. Andrews, *Patrick Lindsay* late Provost of Edinburgh. From the Presbytery of Meigle, Mr. *David Thomson* at Meigle, Mr. *Thomas Clephan* at Newtyle, Mr. *David Maxwell* at Essay and Nevoy, Ministers; the Laird of Muirtoun, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forfar, Mr. *Andrew Arrot* at Dunichen, Mr. *James Donaldson* at Glammis, Ministers; Provost *Donaldson* of Inverrichty, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr. *George Lyon* at Longforgan, Mr. *William Dall* at Monyfeith, Mr. *James Mill* at Kinnaird, Ministers; *Andrew Wardroper*, late Provost of Dundee, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberbrothwick, Mr. *Henry Ogilvie* at Lunan, Mr. *James Moir* at Kirkden, Ministers; Baillie *James Doig*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Brichen, Mr. *James Ker* at Dun, Mr. *David Blair* at Brichen, Mr. *William Trail* at Loggie and Pert, Ministers; Baillie *George Muirison*, Merchant in Montrose, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordoun, Mr. *James Douglas* at Arbuthnot, Mr. *David Burn* at Fetteresso, Mr. *Anthony Dow* at Fettercairn, Ministers; Mr. *James Burnet*, younger of Montboddo, Advocate, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Bervie, *Alexander Arbuthnot* of Knox. From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. *Patrick Gordon* at Fintray, Mr. *David Brown* at Belhelvie, Mr. *John Lumisden*, Professor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen, Mr. *James Nicolson* at Banchory, Ministers; Provost *Alexander Robertson*, Mr. *William Grant*, his Majesty's Solicitor, Ruling Elders; King's College, Mr. *George Chalmers*, Principal thereof; Marischal College, Mr. *John Osburn*, Principal thereof. From the Presbytery of Kincardin-Oniel, Mr. *Alexander Garden* at Birse, Mr. *Lewis Reid* at Strachan, Mr. *George Shepherd* at Aboyne, Ministers; Sir *Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar, B. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr. *Walter Syme* at Tillinesle, Mr. *James Lumisden* at Towie, Mr. *Peter Reid* at Clait, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr. *John Rose* at Logie, Mr. *Robert Innes* at Udney, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Garrioch, Mr. *Francis Downey* at Kenmay, Mr. *James Cock* at Keith-hall, Mr. *John Likely* at Old Meldrum, Ministers; the Lord *Drummore*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. *William Hay* at Crimond, Mr. *James Walker* at Peterhead, Mr. *Thomas Anderson* at Aberdour, Ministers; the Lord *Strichen*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. *Andrew Ker* at Turreff, Mr. *James Wilson* at Gamrie, Ministers; *Alexander Grieve* in Montwhitter,



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whitter, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordice, Mr. *James Innes* at Bamff, Mr. *James Anderson* at Boyn-  
die, Ministers; Burgh of Cullen, the Honourable Mr. *Charles Hopewell* of Craigiehall. From the Presbytery of Strabogie, Mr. *John Ramsay* at Cairny, Mr. *George Campbell* at Bot-  
triphny, Ministers; Mr. *William Duff* of Crombie, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberlour, Mr. *John Paul* at Rothes, Mr. *John Touch* at Aberlour, Ministers; the Lord *Elchies*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abernethy, Mr. *William Grant* at Abernethy, Mr. *George Grant* at Kirkmichael, Ministers; the Honourable Sir *James Grant* of Grant, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Elgin, Mr. *Alexander Irvine* at Elgin, Mr. *Patrick Duncan* at Longbride, Ministers; *James Brodie* of Mil-  
ton, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forreth, Mr. *Robert Dunbar* at Dyke, Mr. *Daniel Monro* at Oldearn, Ministers, *James Brodie* of Whitehill, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverness, Mr. *Archibald Bannatyne* at Doris, Mr. *Patrick Grant* at Calder, Ministers; the Right Hon. *Duncan Forbes* of Cullodden Esq; Lord President of the Session, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Chanonry, Mr. *John Robertson* at Kilurnan, Mr. *James Calder* at Ar-  
dersier, Ministers; *Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch, Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Taine, Mr. *John Porteous* at Kilmuir Easter, Mr. *Donald Ross* at Fearn, Ministers; *Baillie Donald Ross*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dingwal, Mr. *John Morrison* at Urray, Mr. *Murdoch MacKenzie* at Dingwal, Ministers; Mr. *Albert Monro* of Couk, Ruling Elder; from the Burgh of Dingwal, Sir *Robert Munro* of Fowles, Bt. From the Pres-  
bytery of Abertarph, Mr. *Thomas Montfud* at Kilmalie, Mr. *John Stewart* at Kilmanivaig, Ministers; *Alexander Fraser* of Balnain, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Skye, Mr. *John MacPherison* at Slare, Mr. *Donald Nicolson* at Strath, Ministers; *William MacLeod* of Ham-  
mer, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Long Island, Mr. *Donald MacLeod* of Northuist, Mr. *John MacLeod* at Uig, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Gairloch, Mr. *Murdoch MacLeod* at Glenelg, Mr. *John Beton* at Kintail, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Dornoch, Mr. *Robert Kirk* at Dornoch, Mr. *William Rose* at Loth, Mi-  
nisters; the Right Honourable the Lord *Reay*, Ruling El-  
der. From the Presbytery of Tong, Mr. *John Skeldoch* at Fair, Mr. *Murdoch MacDonald* at Duirness, Mini-  
sters; Mr. *George Mackay* Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Calthness, Mr. *John Munro* at Hak-  
kirk, Mr. *John Sinclair* at Wattin, Ministers; the Lord *Murkle*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kirkwall, Mr. *William Mair* at Holm, Mr. *Hugh Mowat* at Evie and  
Rendal,

Rendal, Ministers; the Right Hon. *James* Earl of *Mortoun*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Cairstoun, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at Birsay, Mr. *James Weir* at Orphir, Ministers; *Nicol Spence*, Agent for the Church, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of North-Isles, Mr. *James Jamison* at Rousay, Mr. *Thomas Trail* at Sanday, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Ross*, Sheriff of Orkney, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. *James Nisbet* at Edinburgh, Mr. *William Gusthart* there, Mr. *William Robertson* there, Mr. *Robert Kinloch* there, Dr. *William Wishart*, Principal of the College of Edinburgh, Mr. *Robert Hamilton* at Edinburgh, Ministers; *John Wilson* Baillie of Edinburgh, *John Balfour* Merchant in Leith, *James Balfour* of Pilrig, Advocate, Ruling Elders; City of Edinburgh, *Robert Baillie* one of the Baillies thereof, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet* Conveener of the Trades thereof, University of Edinburgh, Mr. *Patrick Cumine*, Professor of Church-History therein; Church of Campvere, Mr. *James Tair*, Minister; *Archibald MacAulay* Esq; Lord Conservator, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. *Robert Dalgleish* at Linlithgow, Mr. *Charles Wilkie* at Ecclesmachan, Mr. *George Blackwel* at Bathgate, Mr. *George Ellies* at Carridden, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Francis* Lord *Napier*, Mr. *Robert Ramsay* of Blackcrig, the Right Honourable *David* Earl of *Buchan*, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Queensferry, Baillie *Archibald Stewart*. From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. *James Forrester* at Coulter, Mr. *Robert Jack* at Biggar, Ministers; *John Brown* of Coultermains, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. *Gilbert Hutchison* at Inverlithen, Mr. *Alexander Johnston* at Lync, Mr. *William Wallace* at Drumelzier, Ministers; Mr. *James Nasmyth* of Earlsnaugh, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Peebles, the Lord *Arnistoun*. From the Presbytery of *Dalkeith*, Mr. *William MacGeorge* at Pennycook, Mr. *Frederick Carmichael* at Inverask, Mr. *Archibald Walker* at Temple, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Dundas*, younger of *Arnistoun*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Haddingtoun, Mr. *William Hamilton* at Boktoun, Mr. *James Wetherspoon* at Yester, Mr. *Robert Blair* at Arhelstonfoord, Ministers; Mr. *William Law* of Elvingstoun, Advocate, Ruling Elder; Burgh of Haddingtoun, Mr. *Charles Cockburn*, Advocate, late Provost thereof; Burgh of North-Berwick, Mr. *George Brown* of Colstoun. From the Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. *Henry Shaw* at Cockburn's Path, Mr. *William Orr* at Spot, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Dunbar, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of North-Berwick, Baronet. From the Presbytery of Dunse, Mr. *Robert Monteith* at Longformacus, Mr. *Rodger Moodie* at Dunse, Ministers; Mr. *John Buchan* of



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of Lethem, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Chirnside, Mr. *George Home* at Chirnside, Mr. *Henry Veitch* at Swinton, Mr. *Abraham Home* at Chirnside, Ministers; Mr. *John Swinton* of That-ilk, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kelso, Mr. *James Ramsay* at Kelso, Mr. *William Walker* at MacKerstown, Ministers; Mr. *Charles Binning* of Pilmore, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. *Robert Riscalton* at Habkirk, Mr. *George Kay* at Minto, Mr. *William Rutherford* at Oxnam, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Minto, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Ersilton, Mr. *Henry Home* at Chancelkirk, Mr. *James Ker* at Smelholm, Ministers; *Robert Kennedy* of Greenknow, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Lauder, the Right Honourable *Charles Earl of Lauderdale*. From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. *William Bannatyne* at Yarrow, Mr. *Robert Riddel* at Liliesleaf, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Ker* of Kippilaw, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Selkirk, *Gideon Shaw* of Lauristoun. From the Presbytery of Middlebee, Mr. *Alexander Mickle* at Longholm, Mr. *James MacGarrach* at Eskdalmuir, Ministers; *Robert Scot* of Burnhead, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Annan, *John Johnston* late Provost of Annan. From the Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. *Robert Jarden* at Lochmaben, Mr. *Gabriel Gulan* at Drysdale, Mr. *William Forrester* at St. Mungo, Ministers; *Charles Areskine* of Tinwald, Esquire, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Penpont, Mr. *Archibald Little* at Mortoun, Mr. *John Callow* at Penpont, Ministers; Mr. *William Kilpatrick* of Elliesland, one of the principal Clerks of Session, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Sanquhar, the Honourable Mr. *Patrick Boyle*, of Sheweltoun, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Dumfries, Mr. *Thomas Mack* at Terregles, Mr. *John Scot* at Dumfries, Mr. *Edward Bunkle* at Kirkmahoe, Ministers; *George Bell* Provost of Dumfries, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Dumfries, *James Corrie* late Provost thereof. From the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. *John Welsh* at Anwoth, Mr. *Peter Forston* at Kells, Mr. *James Brown* at Borgue, Ministers; Colonel *William Maxwell* of Cardonefs, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Kirkcudbright, Sir *John Clark* of Pennycook, Baronet, one of the Barons of Exchequer. From the Presbytery of Wigtoun, Mr. *Edward Boyd* at Wigtoun, Mr. *James Maitland* at Sorbie, Ministers; Dr. *Alexander Martine*, of Little-Aires, Physician, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Whithorn, Mr. *Hugh Halhorn* late Baillie of Edinburgh. From the Presbytery of Stranrawer, Mr. *Thomas Mutter* at Lefwalt, Mr. *Andrew Dalziel* at Stevenkirk, Ministers; *William Hamilton* of

Ladyland Esq; Ruling Elder. Burgh of Stranrawer, Mr. *Andrew MacDowal*, of Kingseat, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Air, Mr. *William Coats* at Dalmellington, Mr. *Thomas Walker* at Dundonald, Mr. *Richard Cuninghame* at Symington, Mr. *William Steil* at Dalgain, Mr. *John Campbell* at Riccartoun, Ministers; the Honorable Colonel *William Dalrymple* of Glenmore, and Mr. *Alexander Boswell* younger of Affleck, Advocate, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. *Alexander Smith* at Cambray, Mr. *Robert Baird* at Dunlop, Mr. *Robert Dow* at Ardrossan, Ministers; *William Warner* of Ardeer, Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Paisley, Mr. *Robert Paton* at Renfrew, Mr. *Robert Woodrow* at Eastwood, Mr. *John Shaw* at the New Kirk of Greenock, Ministers; Sir *John Maxwell* of Pollock, Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Renfrew, *Archibald Campbell* of Elderslie. From the Presbytery of Hamiltoun, Mr. *Mathew Connel* at Kilbride, Mr. *Richard Henderson* at Blantyre, Mr. *John Currie* at East-Munkland, Ministers; *Arthur Nasmyth* of Achingreymont, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lanerk, Mr. *John Orr* at Lanerk, Mr. *Robert Davidson* at Crawford-John, Mr. *John Hepburn* at Crawford, Ministers; Mr. *George Baillie* of Hardington, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Glasgow, Mr. *Charles Coats* at Govan, Mr. *John Hamilton* at Glasgow, Mr. *James Burnside* at Kirkintulloch, Ministers; *John Orr* of Borrowfield, Ruling Elder. From the City of Glasgow, Bailie *Laurence Dinwiddy*. From the University of Glasgow, Mr. *Niel Campbell*, Principal of the College of Glasgow. From the Burgh of Rutherglen, Mr. *James Bogle* Remembrancer in Exchequer. From the Presbytery of Dumbartoun, Mr. *James Robertson* at Lufs, Mr. *John Allan* at Row, Mr. *James Anderson* at Rosneath, Ministers; Mr. *James Smollet* of Bonhill, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Dumbarton, Mr. *George Smollet* of Inglifton, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. *Dougal Allan* at Innerchalen, Mr. *James Stewart* at Kingarth, Ministers; Sir *James Campbell* of Ardkinglafs, Baronet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. *Niel Campbell* at Jura, Mr. *Andrew Duncan* at Kilchalmonel, Ministers; Mr. *Alexander MacMillan* of Dunmore, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr. *Alexander Campbell* at Inverary, Mr. *Hugh Campbell* at Craignish, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Archibald* Earl of *Ilay*, *Colin Campbell* of Kilbride, Esquire, one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, Ruling Elders. From the Burgh of Inverary, Captain *John Campbell* of Lymfide. From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. *Archibald Campbell* at Lifsmore, Mr. *James Campbell* at Kilmore,



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Kilmore, Ministers; *James Campbell* of St. Germans, Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. *John MacClean* at Kilninian, in Mull, Mr. *James Barber* at Strontian, Ministers; *Hector MacClean*, younger of Torlask, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. *Duncan MacClean* at Dull, Mr. *Alexander MacLaggan* at Little-Dunkeld, Mr. *Robert Robertson* at Kirkmichael, Mr. *Adam Ferguson* at Muline, Ministers, his Grace *James Duke of Athole*, *Patrick Small* of Lianoch, and *Robert MacIntosh*, Agent for the Church, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Perth, Mr. *Henry Lindsay* at Perth, Mr. *Thomas Ranken* at Kinnoul, Mr. *John Glen* at Forgan-denny, Mr. *Robert Bryce* at Dron, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Robert Craigie* of Glendoig, his Majesty's Advocate, and *Alexander Belsches* of Innermay, Ruling Elders. From the Burgh of Perth, Provost *Patrick Cree*. From the Presbytery of Stirling, Mr. *John Gray* at Dollar, Mr. *James Macky* at St. Ninians, Mr. *John Hally* at Clackmannan, Ministers; *Alexander Monro* of Auchinbowie, Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Stirling, *Robert Banks* Merchant there. From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, Mr. *Patrick Provand* at Trinity-Gask, Mr. *Andrew Smith* at Duning, Mr. *James Porteous* at Monyvaird, Ministers; the Lord *Monzie* and *John Paton* of Cowdon, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Dumblane, Mr. *William Simson* at Dumblane, Mr. *Alexander Steidman* at Tillicoultry, Ministers; Sir *James Livingston* of Glenteran, Ruling Elder, to be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after mentioned; with Power to the said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-House at *Edinburgh*, the first free Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, and thereafter, the first *Wednesday* of *August*, and second *Wednesdays* of *November* and *March*, next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient; with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likewise the General Assembly fully empowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, above mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always,  
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That this General Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets, and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force, till disapproved by the General Assembly; and the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before-named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert: And that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*, and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, The said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals, that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality; and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likewise, to take Care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorized by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matter, than what are committed and referred to them, as above-mentioned: And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly,



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bly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure, until another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six; and for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within Twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries, as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries, at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care, that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same; and the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution; in that Case, the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such Correspondent-Meetings, as has been the Practice of late, but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods, shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners, their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further empower and direct the said Commission, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, That in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.

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## VIII.

*Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing His Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.*

*Edinburgh, May 17th, 1742. Sess. ult.*



HE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Tullideph*, Principal of St. Leonard's College at St. Andrews, their Moderator, Messrs. *Niel Campbell*, Principal of the College at Glasgow, *Robert Bell* at Crelline, *John Lumisden* Professor of Divinity in the King's College at Aberdeen, *John Thurburn* at Kirknewtown, *Niel MacVicar* at Westkirk, near Edinburgh, his Majesty's Almoner, *James Walker* at Canonsgate, *James Nisbet* at Edinburgh, *John Guthrie* at Ratho, *William Gusthart* at Edinburgh, *John Gowdie* Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, *John Mathison* at Edinburgh, *George Logan* there, *James Bannatyne* there, *George Fordice* at Corstorphin, *William Robertson* at Edinburgh, *Robert Kinloch* there, *John Hepburn* there, *John Glen* there, *Thomas Pitcairn* at West-Kirk, *Patrick Cuming* at Edinburgh, *James Stevenson* at South-Leith, *Robert Wallace* at Edinburgh, *William Wishart* Principal of the College at Edinburgh, *George Lindsay* at North-Leith, *George Wishart* at Edinburgh, *Robert Hamilton* there, *William Aitken* at South-Leith, *George Gibson* at Collingtoun, *Alexander Webster* at Edinburgh, *Gilbert Hamilton* at Cramond, *James Glasgow* in the Castle of Edinburgh, *David Moubray* at Currie, *John Jardine* at Libertoun, *David Marischal* at Kirkcaldie, *Thomas Clephan* at Newtile, *James Nicolson* at Banchory, *Donald Nicolson* at Strath, *Donald Ross* at Fearn, *John Stewart* at Kilmanivaig, *John MacLea* at Duirneis, *Gabriel Gulan* at Drysdale, *Robert Monteith* at Longformacus, *Charles Wilkie* at Inchmachan, *Edward Boyd* at Wigtoun, *John Orr* at Lanerk, *Dougal Allan* at Innerchallen, *Duncan MacLea* at Dull, *John Touch* at Aberlour, *James Mackie* at St. Ninians, *George Grant* at Boharm, *George Chalmers* Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen,



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Aberdeen, *Alexander Irvine* at Elgin, *Alexander MacLagan* at Little Dunkeld, *John Scot* at Dumfries, *Robert Riccalton* at Hope-Kirk, *John Skeldoch* at Farr, *Alexander Geddes* at Birsay, *James Cock* at Keith-hall, *William Mair* at Holm, *Patrick Grant* at Calder, *Donald Monro* at Auldearn, *Frederick Carmichael* at Inverask, *George Grant* at Strathaven, *James Ramsay* at Kellsö, *Robert Dalgleish* at Linlithgow, *Alexander Campbell* at Inverary, *James Campbell* at Kilmore, *George Ellies* at Carridden, *George Blackwell* at Bathgate, *Matthew Mitchel* at Auchterderran, *William Carlyle* at Prestonpans, *John Hamilton* at Glasgow, *Robert Paton* at Renfrew, *Archibald Campbell* at Lismore, *Hugh Campbell* at Craigness, Ministers; His Grace *James Duke of Athole*, the Most Honourable *John Marquis of Tweeddale*, the Right Honourable *David Earl of Buchan*, *Alexander Earl of Leven*, *Archibald Earl of Islay*, *Francis Lord Napier*, *George Lord Reay*, *Duncan Forbes of Culloden*, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, *Robert Craigie of Glendoick* Esq; His Majesty's Advocate, the Lord *Drummore*, the Lord *Monzie*, the Lord *Elchies*, the Lord *Arnistoun*, Sir *John Clark* of *Pennycook* Baronet, *William Grant* Esq; His Majesty's Solicitor, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of *Tinwald*, Mr. *Charles Erskine* of *Edenshead*, Mr. *Alexander Belsches* of *Innermay*, *George Haliburton* Esq; Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, *John Wilson* and *Robert Baillie*, present Baillies of *Edinburgh*; *Alexander Nisbet* of *Northfield* Deacon-Conveener of the Trades there, Mr. *George M<sup>c</sup> Kay* Advocate, Colonel *John Erskine* of *Carnock*, Doctor *Alexander Martine* of *Airies*, Mr. *Andrew M<sup>c</sup> Doual* Advocate, *Robert Dundas* younger of *Arnistoun*; Esq; Advocate, Mr. *William Duff* of *Crombie*, Mr. *Albert Munro* of *Coul*, Mr. *James Bogle* Remembrancer in Exchequer, Mr. *James Nimmo* Cashier in Excise, *George Drummond* Esq; late Provost of *Edinburgh*, *John Osburn* Esq; late Provost thereof, Mr. *James Davidson* of *Haltree*, *John Paton* of *Cowden* Bookteller in *Edinburgh*, Captain *John Campbell* of *Lymfield*, *Alexander M<sup>c</sup> Millan* of *Dunmore*, *Archibald M<sup>c</sup> Aulay* Lord Conservator, *George Buchan* of *Kello*, Mr. *John Buchan* of *Lethem*, Mr. *Patrick Boyd* Advocate, Mr. *Alexander Munro* of *Auchinbowie*, Mr. *Nicol Spence* and *Robert MacIntosh*, Agents for the Church, Ruling Elders; To be a Committee of this Assembly for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profanity, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of His Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the Fifth Act of the late Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned,

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and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees, any seven of the Persons above-named are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof some to be Ministers: But it is hereby appointed, That at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, to be held after the rising of the Commission in *August* next, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders, at least, shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon *Monday* following, next thereafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find most needful and convenient: And they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the *Society for Christian Knowledge*, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate the said Mr. *William Grant*, Advocate, His Majesty's Solicitor, and Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, That no Person once employed, and insert in the Scheme, shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at least nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders: And in case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined at first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, shall be acquainted of such a Complaint, and these concerned be required to send the said Committee a just Account of the Matter against the next Meeting. And it is futher appointed, That after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by  
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Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answer to these Letters, at farthest, with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not got done sooner. And the Committee at their Meeting in May, shall name a Subcommittee of their Number, for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before the said Meeting immediately after the Commission in August.

### IX.

*ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.*

Edinburgh, May 17th, 1742, post-meridien. Sess. ult.



THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place, upon the second Thursday of May next, being the 12th Day of that Month in the Year 1743.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing of the 133 Psalm throughout, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

WILLIAM GRANT Cls. Esq. Scot.

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The King's Commission to the Earl of *Leven*, to represent His Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read, and recorded. *Ibid.*

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The Act 7th of Assembly 1718, for the better Dispatch of the Business of Assembly, read, and the Observation thereof enjoin'd. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Answer to His Majesty's Most Gracious Letter to this Assembly, brought in, and approv'd; and his Grace, the King's Commissioner, undertakes to transmit the same to His Majesty. *May 8th, Sess. 3.*

A Committee of Persons in each Synod appointed to revise the Register of the Proceedings of the Commission of the late Assembly, audite the Procurator's and Agent's Accompts, consider the State of the Church's publick Money, and prepare Overtures therefrom, agreeably to the 7th Act of Assembly 1712, and 8th Act of Assembly 1719, and all Claims on the said Money ordered to be laid before the said Committee; and they are also appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commission to this Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee of the late General Assembly, for managing the Royal Bounty granted for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands. *Ibid.*

Committees named for revising the Synod-Books of *Fife, Angus and Mearns, Aberdeen, Murray, Ross, Sutherland and Caithness, Orkney, Lothian, and Tweeddale, Merse and Teviotdale, Glasgow and Air, and Perth and Stirling*. *Ibid.*

The Synod-Books of *Glenelg, Dumfries, Galloway, Argyll, and Presbytery Book of Zetland*, not being produced, resolv'd, that the Reasons thereof be enquired into. *Ibid.*

The Instructions in the 4th Act of Assembly 1713, and other additional Directions, since that Time, to Visitors of Synod-Books prefixed to each Book, read, and the Observation thereof enjoin'd. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive in the Instructions from the several Presbyteries and Synods, and consider the same, and report. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to meet this Evening, to receive any Schemes or Proposals may be offered for raising a Fund for the Widows of Ministers, and any Member of the Assembly, or Minister of this Church, may attend and be heard. *Ibid.*

The Clerks of Assembly appointed to lend up to the Synod of *Merse* certain Complaints against their Proceedings in the Settlement of the Parish of *Bowden*. *Ibid.*

Act erecting the Presbytery of *Long-Island* into two distinct Presbyteries. *Ibid.*

Petition of Mr. *John MacLeod*, Commissioner from the Presbytery of *Long-Island*, for an Order to carry on at the



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the publick Charges of the Church, a Proceſs for obtaining a Salary for the Schoolmaſter of *Stornavoy*; as alſo, for repairing the Church of that Pariſh, and defending the Miniſter in a Proceſs intended againſt him by the Factor on the Eſtate of *Seaforth*, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

Petition of the Commiſſioners from the Presbyteries of *Long-Island* and *Skye*, for an Allowance to defray their Charges in attending this Aſſembly, remitted to the ſaid Committee. *Ibid.*

Petition of the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, for an Order that the Expence of a Proceſs for recovering 15000 Merks mortified by the deceaſt *James Blair* of *Senwick*, to the Poor of 24 Pariſhes in the Stewartry of *Galloway*, be defrayed out of the Church's publick Money, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

Recommendation of the Aſſembly 1740, for a voluntary Collection throughout *Scotland*, for rebuilding a Bridge over the Water of *Tarrow*, renewed, and Deficients deſired to pay in their Contributions. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of the Pariſh of *Dalziel*, from a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, reſuſing to grant their Concurrence with a Call by the ſaid Pariſh to Mr. *James Tair* Miniſter at *Campvere* in *Zealand*, with a Reference of the Cauſe by the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr* to the Aſſembly, called and delayed. *Ibid.*

A Sentence of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, ſuſtaining a Call of the Pariſh of *Canongate*, to Mr. *John Ferrier* Miniſter at *Largo*, to be Miniſter of *Canongate*, and granting their Concurrence therewith, affirmed. May 10th, *Seſſ.* 4.

A Sentence of the Presbytery of *Linkithgow*, ſuſtaining and concurring with a Call by Heritors, Elders, and others, of the Pariſh of *Falkirk*, to Mr. *John Ferrier* Miniſter at *Largo*, to be Miniſter of *Falkirk*, affirmed; and another Call by others of the ſaid Pariſh to Mr. *John Mairhead* Miniſter at *Glaſſford*, to be Miniſter at *Falkirk*, laid aſide. *Ibid.*

Mr. *John Lumſden*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, appointed to preach next Lord's Day before His Maſtey's Commiſſioner, in Place of Mr. *Robert Blair*, formerly appointed for that Diet, but excuſed, by Reaſon of bodily Indispoſition. May 17th *Seſſ.* 5th.

A Committee named to conſider the Contents of a Memorial of the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldy*, about Settlement of a Miniſter in *Burntisland*, vacant by the Depoſition of Mr. *James Thomſon*, late Miniſter there, and to give Advice with reſpect thereto; and the Members of the

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- Presbytery of *Dunfermline*, who have a Case of the same Kind, allowed to attend. *Ibid.*
- A Committee appointed to treat with Mr. *Robert Wodrow*, Minister at *Eastwood*, about some old *Manuscripts* in his Hands, said to be of Use to this Church. *Ibid.*
- Mr. *Murdoch MacKenzie* transported from *Dingwall*, to be one of the Ministers of *Inverness*; and the Presbytery of *Inverness* appointed to admit him thereto, betwixt and the last *Thursday* of *July* next; and the Church of *Dingwall* appointed to be declared vacant next Lord's Day, after Mr. *MacKenzie's* Admission at *Inverness*. *Ibid.*
- The Call of the Parish of *Dalziel* to Mr. *James Tair* at *Campvere*, to be Minister of *Dalziel*, concurred with by the Assembly, and the same ordered to be laid before the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, by the Callers of Mr. *Tair*, that the said Presbytery may consider the same, with the Reasons of Transportation, and give Judgment thereupon, as they find just. *Ibid.*
- A Committee named to confer with Mr. *Murdoch MacKenzie*, (who was, by Sentence pass Yesterday, transported from *Dingwall* to *Inverness*) upon the Subject-matter of his Request, for an Act of Transportability. *May* 12th, *Sess.* 6th.
- The Commission in *August* appointed to make due Enquiry concerning Deficients in Payment of their *Quotas* of the Bursc allotted for the Student in Divinity from *Lithuania*, and a Letter appointed to be wrote to the Synod of *Lithuania*, not to send thither any more Students, till they have Advice from the Assembly, that they are ready to receive them. *Ibid.*
- The Deficients in Payment of the Bursc allotted for the former *Lithuanian* Student, and whose Maintenance was advanced by Mr. *John Walker*, Collector thereof, deceased; ordered to be paid into *Robert MacIntosh*, joint Agent for the Church, to be by him paid over to Mr. *Walker's Heirs*. *Ibid.*
- Recommendation to Deficients to collect for the Royal Infirmary at *Edinburgh*, and Synods appointed to send Accounts to the Commission in *November* next, of what is collected in their Bounds. *Ibid.*
- The Requests of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of *Long-Island, Skye, Tongue, Abertarff* and *Sorn*, for this Year; and of the Commissioners from *Abertarff*, anno 1734, for the usual Allowance to defray their Charges of attending the General Assembly, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*
- A Memorial of the Synod of *Orkney*, touching a Glebe belonging to the Minister of *Burray*, to which he can get



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get no Access, by Means of Sir *James Stewart* of *Burray*, who, of late, has been guilty of certain Acts of Oppression; and another Memorial for the Minister of *Evie* brought in, and the Procurator and Agents for the Church are appointed to carry on the needful Processes, on the publick Charge, for redressing the Grievances of the Ministers of *South-Ronaldshay* and *Evie*. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, sustaining the Call of the Parish of *Carnbee*, to Mr. *John Storer* Probationer, to be their Minister, reversed; and the Assembly sustained the Call of the said Parish to Mr. *Joseph Pitcairn* Probationer, and ordered the Presbytery of *St. Andrews* to proceed to his Trials and Settlement as Minister of *Carnbee*, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

The Opinion of the Committee that confer'd with Mr. *Murdoch MacKenzie*, that no Act of Transportability be granted him, but that Letters be wrote to the Magistrates and Presbytery of *Inverness*, to give him all Encouragement and Support to make his Situation and Labours as easy as possible, approved of. *May 13th, Sess. 7th.*

A Commission from the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, to their Representatives in this Assembly, dated 31st *March*, and so within 40 Days of the Meeting of Assembly, sustained for this Time, with a Recommendation to that Presbytery, more punctually, to observe the Acts of the Assembly in Time coming. *Ibid.*

The Overture about Members of inferior Judicatories, judging in superior Courts in Cases of Appeal, from the Sentence of such inferior Judicatories, dropt. *Ibid.*

The Overture concerning the Manner of purging Scandals, transmitted formerly, dropt. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to make a Collection of Translations into *English*, Verse or Metre, of Passages of the Holy Scriptures; or receive in Performances of that Kind, from any who shall transmit them; and the Presbytery of *Dundee*, and Synod of *Angus*, to transmit to the Committee at *Edinburgh*, what Collections they have made, or shall make, and that the Committee report to the next General Assembly; and, mean Time, take Advice of the Commission, and to meet in the Society's Hall on the *Tuesday* before each quarterly Meeting of the Commission, and at other Times and Places as they see Cause, any Three of them to proceed. *Ibid.*

The Presbytery of *Skye* appointed, with all convenient Dispatch, to proceed to the Settlement of Mr. *John MacLeod* at *Vig*, as Minister of the Parish of *Diurnish*, he having been transported thereto, by a Sentence of the Presby-

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- Presbytery of *Long-Island*, the Appellants from which Sentence had dropt their Appeal. *Ibid.*
- Report of the Visitors of the Commission-Book brought in, and the foresaid Book ordered to be attested. *Ibid.*
- The Committee to be named for managing the Royal Bounty, granted this Year for Reformation of the Highlands, are directed to enquire particularly into the Bounds, described in the Petition of the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, and others, to the late Commission, touching an Allowance for an Itinerant Preacher in *Glenquich*, &c. before they grant any Deliverance thereupon. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission, to be named by this Assembly, to determine in the Affairs depending before the Commission of the last Assembly, and not discussed by them; and remit to the Committee for Overtures to consider of proper Measures for the better Attendance of Members on the quarterly Meetings of the Commission. *Ibid.*
- The Presbytery of *Dunblane* authorized to grant 25 l. *Sterl.* yearly, out of the Fund contributed for a new Erection at *Norrishoun*, for the Maintenance of a Preacher to supply in these Bounds, during the Assembly's Pleasure. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission, at their first Diet, to determine in an Appeal of Mr. *George Buchanan*, Minister at *Drymen*, from a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Dumbartoun*, ordering an additional List of Witnesses to be put in his Hands, for Proof of certain Articles of a Libel exhibited against him by the said Presbytery. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to judge in an Appeal of Mr. *Archibald MacColm*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, refusing to sustain a Licence to preach the Gospel, obtain'd by him in *England*, or to imploy him as a Probationer in the Bounds of said Presbytery, in virtue of such Licence. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to determine in a Cause brought by Appeal of Mr. *John Kennedy*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, affirming a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, depriving him of his Licence to preach the Gospel, and declaring the same void and null in all Time coming. *Ibid.*
- The Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Peebles*, declaring, That in the present Circumstances of the Parish of *Maner*, they could not proceed to the Settlement of Mr. *Andrew Plummer* Probationer, as Minister of that Parish; and recommending to the said Presbytery to deal in the most prudent Manner with all concerned,



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concerned, in order to bring about the comfortable Settlement of the said Parish, affirmed unanimously by the Assembly; and the Moderator ordered to write Letters to the Earl of *March*, Patron of that Parish, and to his Curators, to give them Notice of this Sentence, and intreating they would not insist on their Presentation in this Case. *Ibid.*

The Members, from the several Synods, appointed to meet by themselves, in order to bring in the Nominators of the Commission of this Assembly, according to the 6th Act of Assembly 1705. *May 14th, Sess. 8.*

The Report of Ministers from the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldy* and *Dunfermline* heard, that notwithstanding the Deposition of Mr. *James Thomson* at *Burntisland*, and Mr. *Ralph Erskine* at *Dunfermline*, by the General Assembly 1740, and Notice of the said Sentence given to the Magistrates of these Burghs; yet the said deposed Persons have been suffered, ever since, to occupy the Pulpits in these Churches, and officiate as formerly before they were deposed; and therefore the Assembly resolve to apply to the Civil Government for a legal Redress of this Grievance and Contempt; and ordered that Letters be wrote to the Secretary of State, and His Majesty's Advocate, to the End the said Sentence of Deposition may be supported, and rendred effectual, and that the vacant Churches may be planted without delay; and further appoint the Moderator to write Letters to the Magistrates of these Burghs, exhorting them to give no longer Countenance to such Disorders, but to perform their Duty, by debarring the deposed Persons from Access to officiate in the Parish Churches, and to give, from Time to Time, free Access to such as shall be sent by the respective Presbyteries to supply there, during the Vacancy; and to pursue the necessary Steps, in order to planting the same, so as the Sentence of the Assembly may take Effect in these Burghs, as well as elsewhere, without the Necessity of imploying the Authority of the Government, and the Methods of Redress or Compulsion competent by the Laws of the Land. *Ibid.*

An Overture transmitted from the Committee for Overtures, for providing an yearly Annuity to the Widows of Ministers of this Church, agreed to, and ordered to be printed separately, and Copies thereof to be transmitted to the several Presbyteries, requiring them to send a written Report of their Resolution thereupon to the Clerk of the Assembly, before the Meeting of the Commission in *November* next; with Certification, That such as omit to send such Report. shall be held as acquiescing in the Overture; and the Commission is authorized to receive

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these Reports ; and if they find the Overture has been approved by the Majority of Ministers of this Church, to petition the King and Parliament, at their next Meeting, to enact according thereto. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the Presbytery of *Fordoun*, sustaining a Call of Heritors, Elders and others, of the Parish of *Bervie*, to Mr. *Thomas Dow* Probationer, to be their Minister, and refusing to allow of a Call to be signed by others of the said Parish to Mr. *James Mollyson* Probationer, affirmed, and the said Presbytery appointed to proceed to the said Mr. *Dow's* Settlement, as Minister of the said Parish. *Ibid.*

A List of Members of the several Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to draw the Commission and Instructions, and name the Members of the Commission of this Assembly. *May 15th, Sess. 9.*

The Petition of the Presbytery of *Abernethy* for an Allowance out of the Royal Bounty for an Itinerant Preacher in their Bounds, remitted to the Committee to be named for managing the said Bounty. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee named to consider several Manuscripts in the Hands of Mr. *Robert Woodrow*, Minister at *Eastwood*, read, and, according thereto, 30 *l. Sterling* is ordered to be paid to the said Mr. *Woodrow* for certain Volumes of Manuscripts mentioned in said Report, and these Volumes deposited in the Clerks Hands, that any Minister or Elder of the Church may have Access to peruse them. *Ibid.*

An Overture for the better Attendance of Members on the Diets of the Commission, approved. *Ibid.*

An Overture, transmitted from the Committee for Overtures, about the licensing of Probationers, read, and ordered to ly on the Table till another *Sederunt*. *Ibid.*

Report of the Diligence of the Procurator and Agents for the Church, in the Affairs committed to them, brought in, and approved; and according thereto, a Recommendation to the Managers of the Royal Bounty, to send an Itinerant Preacher to the vacant Parish of *Bara*, and to the Presbytery and Synod of the Bounds speedily to plant the said Parish. *Ibid.*

Appointment on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, to use the legal Diligence for recovering a Salary to the Schoolmaster of *Stornavoy*, and for having the Church and Manse of that Parish repair'd according to Law. *Ibid.*

The Appointments of former Assemblies for carrying on the necessary Processes for removing the Grievances of the Ministers of *Skye* and *Gairloch*, renewed. *Ibid.*

A Process of Modification and Locality of the Stipend of the Minister of *Kilmaly*, and the legal Diligence for furnish-



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furnishing a Church and Manse in that Parish, appointed to be carried on at the Church's Expence. *Ibid.*

The Appointments of former Assemblies for carrying on a Process depending for a Modification and Locality of the Stipend of the large Parish of *Ardnamurchan*, renewed; and the Procurator and Agents for the Church directed to endeavour the having new Erections of Parishes in these Bounds, and in the Country of *Knoydart* in *Glenelg*, carried on according to Law; and a Committee named to consider of certain Proposals by the Laird of *Shawfield*, chief Heritor of the Island of *Islay*, for obtaining a new Erection of a Parish therein, and all necessary Processes for that End, appointed to be carried on at the publick Expence. *Ibid.*

The Recommendation of former Assemblies to use all proper Endeavours for recovering the Mortification made by Captain *Dougald Campbell* deceased, for pious Uses, renewed; as also what concerns the obtaining a Gift of some Rents of certain Deanries, Prebendaries and Altarages of the Cathedral of *Dunkeld*, as Augmentations to the Stipends of the Ministers of *Abernyte* and *Benvie*. *Ibid.*

The Appointments for carrying on the Processes for Fuel, Feal and Divot, to the Minister of *Kildrummie*; Ejecting of a Schoolmaster in *Elgin* deposed for Scandal; The prosecuting of Celebrators of clandestine Marriages, are renewed; and an Appointment for carrying on the necessary Processes for recovering the Stipend of the Minister of *Reay*, building the Church of *Affint*, and obtaining a Salary to a Parochial Schoolmaster there. *Ibid.*

Appointment on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, to use all legal Means for preventing Encroachments upon the Glebes of the Ministers of *Evie* and *Burray* in *Orkney*, and preserving the Rights of the Church in that Country; and the former Orders for carrying on Processes for the Stipend of the Minister of *Dunrofsness*, *Sandwick*, *Fairisle*, &c. in *Zetland*, and for recovering a Sum for an Assistant to the Minister of *Monigaff*, renewed. *Ibid.*

Order for carrying on, at the Church's Expence, a Process for recovering a Mortification of 15,000 Merks by *James Blair* of *Senwick* deceased, for the Behoof of the Poor of 24 Parishes in the Stewartry of *Galloway*, to be re-founded upon Recovery of the said Mortification. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of 6 *l. Sterl.* to a Commissioner from each of the Presbyteries of *Skye*, *Abertarph*, *Long-Island*, *Tongue*, *Kirkwall*, *Cairstoun* and *Mull*; and allowing of 100 *l. Scots* to the Commissioner from the Presbytery of *Mull*, anno 1740. Heard the Claims of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, annis 1734 and 1737, from that of *Tongue*, annis 1736 and

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- and 1737, and discharged the Commission from disposing of any of the Church's publick Money; and ordered that none of it be given to Authors of Books, nor for other Ends, than agreeable to the publick Acts of Assembly made relative thereto. *Ibid.*
- The former Orders for inbringing of Collections for pious Uses renewed; and assigning the Collections for a Bridge, over the Water of *Dee*, to Gentlemen Heritors, to be applied for building Bridges in that Country, conform to the Orders of Assembly, approved. *Ibid.*
- Remit to the Managers of the Royal Bounty, to endeavour the obtaining Ground in the *Enzie*, whereon to build a Meeting-house for Worship, and other Accommodations for the Minister, and to apply the Money, collected for that Purpose, towards the Ends design'd. *Ibid.*
- Former Orders concerning the *Scots Church in New-York*, publick Libraries, Registers and *Manuscripts*, about the History of this Church renewed; and a Committee appointed to enquire thereanent; and particularly at the Representatives of Mr. *Samuel Semple*, Minister at *Liber-toun*, deceased, what Progress he made in the History he was encouraged to Write of this Church, and what Registers or *Manuscripts* he left behind him. *Ibid.*
- A Letter of the Synod of *Murray*, for imploying Mr. *William Irvine*, as an Itinerant Preacher, referred to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to determine in an Appeal of Mr. *Andrew Henderson*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Murray*, suspending him from the Exercise of his Licence to preach the Gospel, with a Reference of the said Synod relative thereto. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to determine in any Reference or Appeal that shall be regularly brought before them, about the Settlement of the Parish of *Canongate*. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to judge in any Question that may be brought regularly before them by Reference or Appeal, about planting the Parish of *Falkirk*. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to determine in any Process about planting the Parish of *Badernock*. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission to cognosce and determine in an Appeal of *Mary Heatly*, Servitrix to *Alexander Gordon* of *Shirrington*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, refusing to assilzie her from the Scandal of Fornication, whereof she is accused before the Session of *Carlaverock*, until she should take some habile Method of vindicating herself therefrom. *Ibid.*
- The Petition of Heritors, Elders, and others, of the Parish of *Bowden*, complaining of irregular Proceedings of the Synod



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Synod of *Merse*, towards the Ordination and Settlement of Mr. *James Home*, as Minister of that Parish, read, with the Dissents of some Members of that Synod, and two several Appeals by some Elders of *Bowden* Parish, from a Sentence of the said Synod, refusing to admit certain Elders, chosen by their respective Sessions, to vote at the Synod's Meeting at *Bowden* the 20th of *April*; and another Sentence of that Date past at *Kelso*, finding the Contents of a Paper, given in by the said Appellants, were not relevant Objections against the Life or Doctrine of the said Mr. *Home*, nor sufficient to stop proceeding to his Ordination; and the Assembly did, by a Vote, affirm the Synod's Procedure in the Settlement of the said Mr. *James Home*, as Minister of *Bowden*, reserving to the Assembly to disapprove or not of any particular Steps of the Synod's Conduct, as they shall see Cause: But several Members of the Assembly entered their Dissent from the above Judgment of the Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale* rebuked for their Conduct in not admitting the Elders, who were of new chosen, by their respective Sessions, to sit and vote in the Meeting of the Synod the 20th of *April* last, when Mr. *Home* was settled Minister at *Bowden*. *Ibid.*

His Majesty's Commissioner and the Moderator notified to the Assembly, That they had Advice by Express from the most Honourable the Marquis of *Tweeddale*, principal Secretary of State, that he had laid before the King the Assembly's Answer to His Majesty's Most Gracious Letter, which was received in the most gracious and acceptable Manner: The Assembly directed the Moderator to return Thanks to the Marquis for the speedy presenting their said Answer, and Notice of its gracious Acceptance. *May 17th, Ante Merid. Sess. 10.*

The Names of these, who dissented from the Judgment past in the Case of *Bowden* given in. *Ibid.*

The Overture brought in upon *Saturday* last, about the licensing of Probationers, was again this Day read and approved. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commission, and drawing Instructions to them, brought in, and approved. *Ibid.*

Letters ordered to the Presbyteries of *Kirkcaldy* and *Dumfermline*, to proceed with all convenient Dispatch to the Supply and Settlement of the Parishes in their Bounds, vacant by the Deposition of Mr. *James Thomson* at *Burntisland*, Mr. *Ralph Erskine* at *Dumfermline*, and Mr. *Thomas Mair* at *Orwell*, late Ministers; and the Commission is empowered finally to determine in any Question touching the Settlement of these Parishes. *Ibid.*

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The Accompts of Mr. *William Grant*, Procurator for the Church, produced, and ordered to ly on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

A Collection made in the Assembly-house for Relief of certain Persons in indigent Circumstances. *Ibid.*

The Petition of the Parish of *Lochbroom*, and Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Appellants, from a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Tayne*, resolving to proceed to the Admission of Mr. *Donald Ross* at *Lochbroom*, to be Minister of *Ferne*, upon a Call of that Parish to him, sustained by the Commission of the last Assembly, and an Act of Transportability granted in his Favours by the said Presbytery of *Gairloch*, in anno 1740, without calling the Parish of *Lochbroom*, with a Reference of the Cause by the Synod of *Ross*, heard, and the said Presbytery of *Tayne*'s After-procedure, in actually admitting Mr. *Ross* at *Ferne*; and the Assembly affirmed the said Settlement of Mr. *Donald Ross* as Minister at *Ferne*. *Ibid.*

The Assembly declare their Dissatisfaction with the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, in granting Acts of Transportability to Ministers in their Bounds, without calling upon, and hearing the Parishes in which they are settled; and declare such Acts, to Ministers now in their Bounds, of no Effect, unless they call and hear the Parishes concerned, *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to judge and determine in any Question may be regularly brought before them, touching the planting of the Parish of *Eddertoun*. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompts of Mr. *William Grant*, Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions with His Majesty's Allowance for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, for the Terms of *Michaelmas* and *Christmas* 1740, and *Lady-day* and *Mid-summer* 1741, and discharging him and Cautioner thereof, and giving Credit to him for a Ballance of 1 l. 19 s. 2<sup>d</sup> due to him. *Ibid.*

The Synod-books of *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Ross*, *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, *Orkney*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Glasgow* and *Air*, and *Perth* and *Stirling*, attested, and Reference to the Commission to prepare an Overture for the next Assembly, to make the Meetings of Synods more punctually kept. *Ibid.*

The Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling* appointed to meet in *April* 1743 at *Crief*, and there resolve on their future Places of Meeting, and report to the next General Assembly, that if they agree, the same may be authorised, and if they do not agree among themselves, the Difference may be determined by the General Assembly. *Ibid.*

Visitors of the Synod-book of *Merse* and *Teviotdale* absent, and Reference to the Commission to call these Brethren,



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\*thren, take in their Remarks, attest the Book, and censure these Visitors for their Absence from this Diet of the Assembly as they see fit. *Ibid.*

The Synod-books of *Glencelg*, *Argyle*, *Dumfries* and *Galloway*, and Presbytery-book of *Zetland* absent, are ordered to be brought up to be revised by the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to determine in any Question touching the planting of the Parish of *Moffat*. *Ibid.*

Report of the Visitors of the Register of the Committee of the late General Assembly, for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands*, &c. brought in, and the Particulars therein-mentioned, referred to the Committee of this Assembly for managing the said Royal Bounty, and ordered that the said Register be attested. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commission to a Committee for managing the said Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* this Year, approved. *Ibid.*

The Lists of Probationers collected from the Commissions from the several Presbyteries, brought in and recorded, and Letters ordered to be wrote to the Presbyteries deficient in sending up Lists of their Probationers, to send their Reasons for this Neglect to the Commission in *November* next. *Ibid.*

Protestations admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Fife*, against *David Brown* and others, Elders of the Parish of *Auchtermukty*, for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the said Synod, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Coupar*, finding a Libel against these Elders relevant, and the said Appeal declared deserted and fallen from. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Air*, against some Feuars and Elders of the Parish of *Badernock*, for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the said Synod, appointing a Committee of their Number to meet with the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, upon an Affair in Dependence, relating to the planting of the said Parish of *Badernock*, and the said Appeal declared deserted, and void and null. *Ibid.*

The Reasons of Dissent of some Members from the Judgment past by the Assembly in the Affair of *Bowden*, given in to the Clerk; but ordered not to be recorded. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of 16 *l. Sterling* out of the Church's publick Money, to Mr. *Nicodemus Bieniaszewski*, Student in Divinity from *Lithuania*, to be replaced out of the Collections of the deficient Presbyteries, when the same comes in. *Ibid.*

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The Minutes of this *Sederunt* were read, the Minutes of former *Sederunts* having been read at the respective Diets subsequent to each *Sederunt*. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings, at this and all the other Diets thereof, and pitch upon such of the Acts of Assembly as are to be standing Rules, or are of publick Use, in order to be printed. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly, and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner made a Speech in Return; and then the Assembly was concluded, *Ibid.*

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